(b) the expenditure incurred on Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for the years, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07; and

(c) the details of the physical achievement of SSA in terms of new schools, number of new teachers recruited and number of out of school children brought to school for the years, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) The information is beign collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Code for smooth functioning of banks

†1576. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a code was prepared in July, 2006 for smooth functioning of the banks in the country;

(b) if so, the details of that code;

(c) whether it is also a fact that on the basic of this code the performance of the banks has also been satisfactory;

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(e) whether due to Government's instruction on giving six per cent loan to minority class, the purpose of the abovesaid code has been defeated; and

(f) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir, The Code of Bank's commitment to Customers (Code) released by the Banking Codes and Standards Board of India (BCSBI) on July 1, 2006 sets out minimum standards of banking practices for banks to follow and emphasizes transparency in banks' dealings with its customers. To achieve the avowed transparency, it provides for documentation of bank's fees and service

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

charges in the form of a Tariff Schedule and requires banks to set out a cheque collection policy, compensation policy and a security repossession policy. Indian Bank's Association has informed that the Code has helped the banks to improve their Customer service.

(e) and (f) No such instruction has been issued. However , under the new "Prime Minister's 15 Point Programme of the Welfare of Minorities", domestic Scheduled Commercial Banks had been advised on September 1 , 2006 to ensure that within the overall target for priority sector lending and the sub-target of 10% for the weaker sections, sufficient care is taken to ensure that minority communities also receive an equitable protion of the credit.

Profit and loss of HEC

1577. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of accumulated losses of Heavy Engineering Corporation Limited;

(b) the amount HEC owes to Jharkhand State Electricity Board;

(c) the staff strength of HEC and the projected staff strength of HEC in the next five years;

(d) the turnover and profit of the last five years; and

(e) the project turnover and profit for the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The accumulated loss of Heavy Engineering Corporation Limited (HEC) were Rs. 1092.85 crore as on 31.3.2006.

(b) HEC owes Rs. 634.86 crore to Jharkhand Electricity Board as on October, 2004. The Board has however decided to waive/set off rest of the dues if HEC pays Rs. 500 crore in one go.